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In the Specification

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Page 10, lines 23-24, replace ", co-pending U.S. Pat. Appl. Ser. No. 08/060,663, filed concurrently herewith" with --U.S. Pat. No. 5,333,810--.

Page 10, lines 29-30, replace ", co-pending U.S. Pat. Appl. Ser. No. 08/037,451, filed on March 26, 1993" with --U.S. Pat. No. 5,325,028--.

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 5, and 9 as follows:

- 1 1. **(Amended)** A helical scan transport apparatus for reading and writing data on to
- 2 a magnetic recording tape which is wound on a supply reel rotatably mounted within a
- 3 removable tape cartridge, wherein the tape has a leader block attached to one end for use in
- 4 withdrawing the end from the tape cartridge, the transport comprising:
- 5 a chassis having a front end portion and a rear end portion;
- 6 an elevator assembly mounted on said chassis at said front end, said elevator assembly
- 7 configured to receive the tape cartridge and to position the tape cartridge in a loaded
- 8 position;
- 9 a take-up reel assembly coupled to said chassis at said rear end portion;
- 10 a helical deck mounted on a central portion of said chassis between said elevator
- 11 assembly and said take-up reel assembly, said helical deck including a rotary read/write head,
- 12 a substantially linear tape loading path between said elevator assembly and said take-up reel
- 13 assembly, and a movable guide for seizing the tape from said tape loading path and for at
- 14 least partially wrapping the tape around said rotary head; and